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The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Read and referred:

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-50

Relating to housing loans made to groups of 4 or more individuals who are recovering from alcohol abuse or drug abuse.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

To committee on Health.

Referred on September 12, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-68

Relating to nursing homes.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

To committee on Health.

Referred on September 12, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-94

Relating to residency, admissions and fee refunds.

Submitted by Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education.

To committee on Education.

Referred on September 10, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-107

Relating to the number of lifeguards required at swimming pools of 2,000 or more square feet.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

To committee on Health.

Referred on September 10, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-109

Relating to requirements for licensed optometrists who wish to obtain certificates to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, continuing education requirements and reinstatement of lapsed certificates for licensed optometrists certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

To committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Referred on September 12, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-144

Relating to operator licenses and identification cards. Submitted by Department of Transportation.

To committee on Transportation.

Referred on September 12, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-149

Relating to the employee notification program.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

To committee on Transportation.

Referred on September 12, 1990.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 90-150

Relating to commercial motor vehicle 24-hour, out-of-service orders.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

To committee on Transportation.

Referred on September 10, 1990.

COMMUNICATIONS

August 1990

Thomas T. Melvin
Assembly Chief Clerk
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Pursuant to the requirements of section 153.20, Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature *An Overview of Uncompensated Health Care*. This report, prepared by the Office of Health Care Information, sets forth the total charges for uncompensated health care for hospital fiscal years 1988 and 1989; the projected total charges for hospital fiscal year 1990; the number of patients served for hospital fiscal year 1989; and the projected number of patients who will receive uncompensated health care in hospital fiscal year 1990.

The information contained in this report was obtained from data submitted by hospitals on their annual *Uncompensated Health Care Services Plan* and their annual *Revenue and Expense Survey*.

I wish to personally express my appreciation to all Wisconsin hospitals for their cooperation in the collection of data utilized for this report. Printed copies of this publication are available from the Office. Please contact our office should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,
R. NICHOLAS TRANE II
Director
Office of Health Care Information

JOURNAL OF THE ASSEMBLY [September 12, 1990]

August 1, 1990

TO: Thomas Melvin, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly

FROM: Patricia A. Goodrich, Secretary

SUBJECT: Medicaid Coverage of Nurse Practitioners

Section 3023(31z) of 1989 Act 31 authorized the Department of Health and Social Services to seek federal waivers to conduct a rural primary health care demonstration project staffed by nurse practitioners. The demonstration project was to be evaluated and a report submitted to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature by July 15, 1991. Subsequent to the passage of Act 31, Congress, as part of the Federal Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, mandated that all state Medicaid programs reimburse for services provided by certified pediatric and family nurse practitioners. This Congressional action obviated the need for the Department to seek federal waivers or conduct a demonstration project. The nurse practitioner benefit was implemented July 1 of this year.

Even though a rural primary health care demonstration project will not be established and evaluated as authorized in Section 3023(31z), we have decided to conduct an evaluation of the nurse practitioner benefit. Representative Robson and the Department are both interested in such a study. The evaluation will address the impact of Medicaid coverage of nurse practitioners on the availability of services (especially in rural areas) and the utilization and cost of services. I have attached an outline for the evaluation. In order to assure sufficient data to conduct a valid evaluation, we would complete a final report by March 1, 1992, instead of July 15, 1991.

If you have questions or suggestions about the proposed evaluation outline, please contact Bob Wagner, Chief of the Evaluation Section, at 266-9296.

August 16, 1990

Representative Thomas Loftus
State Capitol - Room 211 West
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Representative Loftus:

The 1989 Wisconsin Act 82 charged the state superintendent of public instruction to conduct a study of the fiscal and programmatic impact of limiting the

involvement of school district employees who are not health care professionals in providing specialized physical health services to pupils.

Actions taken to date include: appointment of a task force, creation of a survey instrument, and a contract with the Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory to do a random sample of 1000 Wisconsin public school buildings.

While portions of the report have been drafted, in order to make a fair interpretation of the data obtained from the statewide survey, I am requesting an extension of the deadline for the Department of Public Instruction report to the legislature to October 1, 1990. This will allow department staff to do a more accurate analysis of the data. We have been in contact with Representative Robson during this process.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,
VICTOR J. CONTRUCCI
Assistant Superintendent
Dept. of Public Instruction

August 31, 1990

To: Thomas T. Melvin, Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Subject: Joint study on the Delivery of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services, Wis. Act 122, (S. 3023(8p), laws of 1989.

Wis. Act 122 requires that the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) conduct a joint study with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to determine the most effective methods of delivering alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment services. The act mandates that the departments shall report their findings and recommendations by September 1, 1990, to the Joint Committee on Finance and to the Chief Clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees in the manner provided under Section 13.172(3) of the statutes.

Sincerely,
PATRICIA A. GOODRICH
Secretary, DHSS

HERBERT J. GROVER
State Superintendent, DPI